PRESIDENT: But we are not on the inefficiency of the department; we are talking about the overcrowding.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: The overcrowding is due to the inefficient working of the department. May I know, will the Government submit a report on the matter to this Assembly?

PRESIDENT: The question answers itself.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: But are the Government prepared to give us information within ten days?

PRESIDENT: I have already stated that if the Honourable member brings any instance to the notice of Government, Government will enquire into it and send a reply to the Honourable member.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the Honourable member is also aware that the hopeless condition of our roads is also responsible for the bad condition of the vehicles?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: This question does not arise.

Supervision of the Transport Department.

61. ***MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether superior officers of the Transport Department supervise the work of conducting services, and hear complaints of travellers;

(*b*) whether they are aware that great delay and irregularity result from the inefficient management of garages, causing intolerable inconvenience to passengers; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what steps have been taken to prevent such inconvenience?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view to part (*b*).

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Are the Government aware that the Garage Department is also being worked very unsatisfactorily?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: They are not aware.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have they enquired into the matter?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will that also be enquired into?

PRESIDENT: No.

Transport Department.

62. ***MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether amounts have been credited to Government from Transport Department as amounts due to travellers who have to pay more than the actual fare, in whole rupees or currency notes, for want of chuckrams coin, in the years 1118, 1119, 1120 and 1121 till 12-11-1121; and

(*b*) what steps have been taken to prevent such loss to travellers?

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MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) No such collections have been made by the department.

(*b*) Does not arise in view to answer to part (*a*).

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have the Government found any method by which it can be ascertained whether so much money has been withheld from the public?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No such information has been brought to the notice of Government.

Queue system in the Transport bus stand.

63. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the queue system adopted in the Transport bus stand at Trivandrum causes much inconvenience to travellers; and

(*b*) what has prevented the Transport Department from adopting the system of giving priority by numbers as adopted at Kottarakara?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Queue is acknowledged to be the most suitable arrangement.

Restaurants attached to the Transport Garages.

64. * MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of restaurants attached to the Transport garages; and

(*b*) the way in which they are conducted?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) One in Trivandrum City.

(*b*) It is conducted by a contractor to whom the necessary rooms have been leased out on rent.

Passengers in the Transport buses.

65. * MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the prescribed maximum number of passengers that can be taken in a Government transport bus;

(*b*) the average number of persons that are now carried in a State Transport bus; and

(*c*) why the Government are not in a position to stop overloading in State Transport service?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Ranges from 40 to 60 according to the capacity of the vehicle.

(*b*) Within the limits prescribed in (*a*) above.

(*c*) Due to non-availability of additional vehicles and the necessity to provide maximum service with the available vehicles.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want to know whether the same amount of over-crowding is permitted in buses run by private agencies.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, Sir.

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